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HAS TEA WITH PRINCE OF WALES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.
Wearing a Tribby and dressed in a smart black coat, from under which showed a white skirt and tight-fitting white trousers, the sixteen-year-old Prince Asfaouwsam of Abyssinia, direct descendant of King Solomon and Queen Sheba, arrived at Victoria Station amid impressive scenes to-day.

The Prince's sister, an exotic figure swathed in a lion's skin, and the suite dressed in semi-Western, semi-Oriental costumes, carrying ceremonial staves of ivory, made a striking scene under the glare of cinema lamps, with Sir John Simon and the Duke of Gloucester in the middle of the group.

The Abyssinian Royal Party is returning the visit of the Duke of Gloucester, who represented H.M. the King at King Rastafari's coronation last year.

The Prince and his sister had tea with the Prince of Wales this evening, and to-morrow are visiting the King and Queen at Sandringham.

I.G.P. AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

Pathe, Orient Ltd. Fined.

"MUST BE NO LAXITY."

Adjourned from last week, the case in which Mr. J. Landolt, manager of Messrs. Pathe Orient Limited, 61 Des Vaux Road Central, was summoned on seven counts of failing to comply with Fire Brigade regulations connected with the distribution, storing and control of cinematograph and celluloid films, was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Magistracy this morning.

The Inspector-General of Police and Mr. J. C. Fitzhenry, Station Technical Engineer, were for the prosecution, whilst Mr. H. E. Denny was for the defence.

Five summonses in regard to the control of films were dismissed by his Worship, who said that in his opinion, the display given at 287 The Peak, (where an outbreak of fire occurred during a "Kiddies' party" on December 23 last), was not a public entertainment, but a private one.

At the conclusion, of Fitzhenry's evidence Mr. Denny submitted he had no case to answer. His Worship held otherwise, and said the storage room as it stood did not seem to come up to the requirements of the regulations.

The I.G.P. (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) maintained that the public must be protected, and that there must be no laxity in the running of a very dangerous business.

His Worship convicted and imposed fines as follows: For failing to furnish a statement in regard to removal of premises—\$25; and for illegal storage of films—\$200.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A highway robbery was enacted on the Railway track between Yau-mat and Tai-po, in the early hours of this morning. Tim Kwai, (85), of 20, fired above, was walking in the direction of Tai-po, and when near the 10 1/2 mile mark, two men set upon him. They dragged him to a bush, tied him to it after binding and gagging him. The robbers then searched him for the contents of his pockets, which were valued at \$51.52.

A PARIS DEMONSTRATION.

Communists Arrested By Police.

DOLE DEMAND.

Paris, Yesterday.
Over three thousand Communists were arrested to-day in various parts of the city, following a demonstration demanding the dole for the unemployed. The demonstration was timed to coincide with the opening of Parliament, but it was frustrated by the police, who thronged the Place de La Concorde and the

WORLD'S LARGEST IRRIGATION SYSTEM

MOMENTOUS DAY IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA.

LOYD BARRAGE OPENED.

Bombay, Yesterday.

The world's largest irrigation system will be opened to-day by the Viceroy. The scheme which was first commenced in 1923 has cost £15,000,000 and includes over 6,000 miles of canals, several of which are larger than the Suez Canal.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A memorable event in the history of India will take place to-morrow when the Viceroy, Lord Willingdon, will open the world's largest irrigation system, the Lloyd Barrage, at Sukkur and a network of seven huge canals whereby the parched and backward area, which is as large as England, will be turned into land where the agriculturalist will be certain to reap where he has sown.

Vital Need.
The whole province of Sind is practically rainless so that the supply of water from the River Indus, which flows through its length, is absolutely vital to most of its three and a half million inhabitants.

One of the most notable achievements of the British in India, and one of ten overlooked, is the conversion by irrigation of waste lands into fruitful and productive farmlands. The present scheme has occupied eight years.

Private Channels.
The Lloyd Barrage is about a mile long and has sixty-six arches each sixty feet wide. The waters of the Indus, flowing from the Himalayas into the Arabian Sea will thus be harnessed to irrigate the rich soil of the thinly populated province by 7,000 miles of canals, some of them wider than the Suez Canal, with private channels measuring 35,000 miles.
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RIVER STEAMERS IN COLLISION

KINSHAN AND SHUN WAN DAMAGED.

PASSENGERS SAFE.

While the arrival of the s.s. Kinshan, from Canton this morning comes the news of a collision. A "China Mail" reporter interviewed Captain Matthews, master of the s.s. Kinshan, one of the vessels involved, but the Captain declined to give any information at this stage, preferring to wait until an official report had been taken. Apart from the fact that he admitted the collision had taken place, no other facts were obtained from this source.

It appears that the Kinshan left Hong Kong for her night run to Canton on January 11, at 11 p.m. At about 2.10 a.m. the next morning, when the vessel was about a mile past the fish stakes near Ma Tan, the collision occurred. The other boat involved was the s.s. Shun Wan, a wooden Chinese ship, not so large as the Kinshan, and used for carrying cargo and passengers between Canton and San Mai.

From the nature of the damage it appears that Shun Wan rammed the Kinshan, and that the Kinshan's bow was struck on the starboard side of the Kinshan just below and a little aft of the first-class saloon. Apart from the buckling of these particular plates and the displacement of an iron stanchion, the Kinshan sustained no material damage, and our representative was informed that she will sail as usual this evening.

The Shun Wan, however, was not so fortunate, and was taking in water after the accident, the passengers being transferred to the Kinshan.

It is alleged that the cause of the collision is due to the Shun Wan being off her course.

ANGLO-FRENCH DISCUSSIONS.

Suggestion to Assist Germany.

MORATORIUM.

Paris, Yesterday.
A two years' moratorium of the Young Plan conditional annuities; the creation of German railway debentures, bearing an annual interest of 660 million marks, part of which must be offered to the United States in part compensation, if the United States relieved the Allies of their debts; are among the suggestions which are now being considered by Anglo-French treasury experts, according to Le Temps.—Reuter.

Chamber removing the demonstrators by lorry without disorder.—Reuter.

M. LAVAL RESIGNS

DISUNITY ON THE EVE OF

MOMENTOUS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Laval announced this evening that he was going to the Elysée to hand in the collective resignations of Government.

M. Laval has offered the portfolio of Foreign Affairs to M. Edouard Herriot, President of the Radical Party.

M. Herriot has not yet accepted the office. He is referring the matter to his Party.

The news of Government's resignation follows the announcement that the Radical and So-

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cialists had refused to endorse M. Herriot's acceptance of the Foreign Affairs portfolio.

The Cabinet handed in its resignation to M. Doumer last night.

M. Doumer has accepted the Cabinet's resignation.

All the Cabinet Ministers have placed their portfolios at the disposal of M. Laval in order to give the Premier a free hand to negotiate with the party leaders, with a view to the formation of a Government of national union, which it is unanimously decided would be desirable on the eve of the international conference, if it could be formed.

It should be observed that this is not the same as a resignation. Before the Cabinet action, M. Laval had interviewed successively M. Briand and M. Doumer. M. Laval said that he and M. Briand were in perfect agreement on every question.—Reuter.

FINE.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticyclone is central to the North of Hankow and nearly stationary.
Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1—nil against an average of 0.33 inch—deficit 0.33 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	87
Macao	84
Fraser Island	83
Manila	74
Poochow	76
Amoy	67
Chafcoo	29
Shanghai	81

You are busy. Yet you want to be informed of the news of the day. Then, turn to the back page and glance the news. It's there conveniently summarized for you.

U.S. LEFT IN THE LURCH.

Intervention in Far East Dispute.

DUTCH REPLY.

The Hague, Yesterday.

In response to the American invocation of the Nine-Power Treaty, the Dutch Government has instructed its Minister at Washington to inform the U.S. Government that Holland shares the United States' confidence in regard to the mission to Manchuria and is convinced of the desirability of an early and friendly settlement, but does not think it advisable to make representations to China and Japan as suggested by the United States, especially as the matter is before the League of Nations.—Reuter.

JUNK PIRACY

Boat and Cargo Taken Away.

OFF LUNG KU TAN.

Wong Man-choi, master of a junk, reports to the Police that he sailed from Yau-mat on the evening of January 10, carrying a cargo of sugar, kerosene and pig skins, valued at \$600. When off Lung Ku Tan, Ping Shan District, he dropped anchor. At about midnight, an unknown boat came alongside. Wong Man-choi, his wife, daughter and four, who were sleeping on deck, were awakened by five men who came aboard, four of whom were armed with revolvers and one with a dagger. The robbers transferred them to the smaller boat and landed them on Tong Pui Island, and then sailed away with the junk in the direction of Lin Tin Island, Chinese Territory. The marooned crew got off later on another boat.

TENSE SITUATION IN HAWAII

AMERICANS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF A NATIVE.

A FULL ENQUIRY.

A serious situation is reported to have been precipitated in Hawaii, where, it is alleged, certain Americans took the law into their own hands and murdered a native, who was believed to have been concerned in an indecent assault on an American woman. This man, with four others, had been charged with the offence, but were acquitted by a jury. It is believed the jury was "packed," and so, it is held, justice was not done.

Washington, Yesterday.
President Hoover to-day discussed with the Cabinet the Hawaiian situation, and subsequently Mr. Mitchell, the Attorney-General, said that he would proceed immediately to carry out the Senate's request for an investigation on the facts of the case. He added, the actual fact was, there had been only seven cases of assault with violence, in which four victims were American women.

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized the surrender of the accused charged with the murder of the native at Honolulu, "on the demand of the Civil authorities."

Facts of the Case.

Honolulu, Yesterday.
The order by the United States Senate for an enquiry into conditions in Hawaii has already caused the tension existing out of racial feeling, due to the murder of a native, with which the New York Society is again Mr. Fortescue's son-in-law, Lieut. Massie, of the U. S. Navy, and another man have been charged.

Rape Charge.
Unless the trial is removed to San Francisco, Mrs. Fortescue and Lieut. Massie will be tried in the same room where, a few weeks ago, five natives, of which the murdered native was alleged to be the leader, were acquitted of a charge of having raped Mrs. Massie, aged 19 years.

The jury which acquitted them was composed of men of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Polynesian strains. Bribery and corruption is alleged to have been rife.

Alleged Murder.

It is alleged that the defendants seized the reputed leader, after his acquittal, outside the Court House and drove off in a car. Later they were arrested and the body of the native, whose head had been beat in, was found in the car.

LANCASHIRE'S COTTON TRADE WITH FAR EAST

K. C. CROSS-EXAMINES PILOT.

In the Kiangsu-Toyooka Maru Case.

ADMIRALTY COURT.

On resumption of the action, involving over \$80,000, brought by the China Navigation Company, against the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and vice versa, arising out of a collision in Hong Kong harbour in fog on March 23 last between the China Navigation s.s. Kiangsu and the N.Y.K. s.s. Toyooka Maru in the Admiralty Court this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) with the Hon. Commr. Hole. (Harbour Master) as Assessor, Mr. Li Wai, who piloted the s.s. Toyooka Maru, was further cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, K.C.

Witness remembered a question put to him yesterday which was that if his report was correct, that is, at the times he gave from 7.43 a.m. onwards, then the ship had travelled at an average speed of four and a half knots between 7.43 and 7.50 that morning.

Speed Unknown.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that witness could not give an explanation yesterday, could he give one this morning? The pilot replied that he could only tell the speed by what the Captain had told him, and that was that at full speed she did eleven knots.

Witness explained that the engine might make the engine go faster than the telegraph showed, but on the other hand, the engine might make the engine travel at a little slower than half-speed.

Mr. Jenkin, K.C.—May I take it from your answers you have given you had no idea of the ship's speed either over the water or over the ground?—I cannot say definitely on account of the fog.

In answer to further questions by Counsel, witness put forward the explanation that the ties of one of

NOTE OF WARNING.

FILIP ONLY TEMPORARY.

London, Yesterday.
"Whatever may eventually be our gains out of the present situation in Manchuria the Lancashire cotton-trade shouldn't be misled into false feelings of security. The recent increases in our Chinese trade have resulted from causes entirely outside the industry's control."

This declaration is made in the report of the China and Far East section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce when drawing attention to the improvement of the cotton-trade with China so largely due to the boycott of Japanese goods.

The report adds, that it would be a mistake to over-emphasize the influence of depreciation of sterling and the appreciation of silver.—Reuter.

AGED CHINESE BURNED TO DEATH.

A tragic fire, involving the death of an old man named Loo Ching-chun (70), occurred at Sheung Shui Wai Village in the Sheung Shui District yesterday evening. The local police were attracted to the scene by blasts on a whistle, and on arrival were informed by the villagers that the old man was sleeping in the rear of an unnumbered match when the fire broke out. Owing to the fierceness of the blaze, and the fact that a portion of the roof fell in, they were unable to get him out. The victim's charred remains were recovered later.

the bearings in the report he had obtained from the third officer on the ship, whose duty it was to record such things. Witness did not take the times, at the time when he was on the bridge, but apart from that the rest of the report was his own.

Mistake on Chart.

Counsel then showed witness a chart on which the Japanese Captain had plotted out his course. Witness said that the Captain had made a mistake, because the ship passed much closer to buoy A52 than was shown, in fact, they passed it about a hundred feet to the North. The reason for changing their course that morning was because they wanted to get to the foreign man-of-war anchorage owing to the fog, but he had already consulted the Captain on that point.

Witness added that about a minute after the course had been changed the fog came down on them, but before they had changed their course, witness thought, he could get across before the fog had enveloped them, but the strong wind that prevailed caused the fog to be brought down quickly.

A Little Visibility.

Replying to further questions, witness agreed that the ship should not cross the fairway across the path of an incoming steamer, but seeing that they had a little visibility (about four or five cables) he thought it would be safe to cross to the anchorage. Witness said they were prepared for the risk of the fog coming down before they had reached the anchorage, but speed was not increased in order to lessen the risk by getting to the anchorage quickly. There might have been small craft in the way of the ship.

The case is proceeding.
The China Navigation Co. is represented by Mr. Eliot, P.O. Jenkin, K.C., and Mr. P. O. Jenkin, K.C. (Instructed by Messrs. Gluck, Stokes and Martin, 11, Market Street, Hong Kong.) The N.Y.K. is represented by Mr. Fortescue, K.C., and Mr. P. O. Jenkin, K.C. (Instructed by Messrs. Gluck, Stokes and Martin, 11, Market Street, Hong Kong.)



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"THE VIKING."

Those who have a sneaking regard for silent pictures, "The Viking," now showing at the Star Theatre, will interest them. A Technicolour film throughout, with sound effects, it is excellent story and proves a welcome change to tired film fans. Donald Crisp takes the leading part and is supported by Pauline Stark and many other well-known players.

From Official Sources.

"LAUGHING SINNERS."

Everyone knows that Joan Crawford, who is at the Queen's Theatre in "Laughing Sinners" danced her way to screen stardom via Chicago revues, and featured stepping parts in "Innocent Eyes" and "The Passing Show."

Most moviegoers are also aware that the real name of this popular actress is Lucille Le Sueur and that in private life she is known as Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

What a great many people do not know, however, is that Joan Crawford collects dolls. She has a special room for them in her house. She has hundreds representing every country in the world.

... has a lovely soprano voice. ... swims and plays golf with more than average ability. ... is known as the best dancer in the Hollywood film colony.

Partial to Blue.

... in clothes is partial to blue and lettuce-green shades. She has a weakness for sports clothes. Her collection of sports scarves and felt hats has become almost a hobby.

... has a number of pets including a Marmoset monkey, but "Jiggs," a pure-bred Boston bull, himself a clever dog screen actor, is her principal pride and joy.

... has a passion for mustard on crackers, likes dill pickles and the funny papers.

... goes without breakfast to keep fit, drinking instead a cup of warm water, a glass of orange juice and one cup of caffeine-less coffee.

... jumps rope for ten minutes each night and morning.

... spends much of her time between scenes on set stitching hook-end rugs.

... has starred in seven productions since her elevation to stardom. They are "Our Modern Maidens," "Untamed," "Montana Moon," "Our Blushing Brides," "Paid," "Dance, Fools, Dance," and the current "Laughing Sinners."

As Cabaret Singer.

In "Laughing Sinners" Miss Crawford is seen as a cabaret singer who falls in love with a travelling salesman of easy-going morals. When this salesman turns their romance into ashes by means of a hastily scrawled good-bye, the torch-singer attempts to find solace in the ranks of the Salvation Army. The circumstances which result from a subsequent meeting with her erstwhile lover bring about the dramatic events.

The picture was adapted from the New York stage success, "The Torch Song," and was directed by Harry Beaumont.

"OH SAILOR BEHAVE."

Lowell Sherman, one of the screen's most popular villains, forsakes the heavy roles for a comedy characterisation in Warner Bros. new production, "Oh Sailor Behave!" which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday.

Sherman, who supports Olsen and

Johnson in their first screen venture, essays the role of a Russian count—Kosloff, by name—married to Irene Delroy, but only interested in his own welfare. "Oh Sailor Behave!" gives him every opportunity to indulge his little—seen flaire for comedy, and he makes his role a memorable one.

Irene Delroy who plays the feminine lead in the new film appears opposite Charles King.

"FOR THE DEFENCE."

Scott Kolk, who, as the wealthy young big city ne'er-do-well, plays a sensational part in William Powell's "For the Defence" at the Central Theatre, is, like Rudy Vallee, another band leader from Maine who has made good with the public.

His career in the show business, while brief has been an active one. While a student at the University of Maine he organised a dance band which became so popular that he and his band left school to accept a

vaudeville engagement. Next, Kolk played in the Broadway musical show, "Take the Air," and following that engagement he took his band to Italy where he introduced the American master of ceremony idea to the Lido. Being urged to do so by all who knew him he next went to Hollywood and has had a series of fortunate parts in the talkies.

He played a lead in a Laura La Plante picture and a featured part in Marion Davies release. Before he signed with Paramount for "For the Defence" he took part in "All Quiet on the Western Front" as a featured player.

"For the Defence" was written by Oliver H. P. Garrett, former New York newspaperman, from a story suggested by Charles Furthmann, formerly a practicing attorney in the Chicago courts. The story deals with the life of a brilliant criminal defence lawyer, played by William Powell. It is a gripping portrayal of a vivid phase of modern life, enacted with all the dynamic wallop that made Powell such a great favourite in "Pointed Heels," "Street of Chance," "Shadow of the Law" and others.

"SILENCE."

An intensely interesting human story is the background for the exciting melodrama, "Silence," now showing at the King's Theatre here, with Clive Brook, the charming Marjorie Rameau and the flaming-haired Peggy Shannon in the leading roles.

"Silence" gives Brook an opportunity to portray a great human character, and the suave and polished star takes every advantage of the opportunity. Supported by two capable and beautiful actresses, Brook sounds the depths of a man's soul in a series of adventures, escapades, trials and disillusionments that bring him finally to the superb sacrifice to save his own daughter's reputation.

Peggy Shannon displays a new acting flare in "Silence" which bears out the promise of versatility contained in her role in "The Secret Call." She is dramatic, colourful, emotional, and, withal, interestingly gay and alive. Playing two roles in this one picture, that of the wife and, later, the daughter of Brook, she manages by sheer talent to keep the two characters separate and distinct and interesting.

Theatre-goers will be particularly intrigued by the presence of glamorous Marjorie Rameau in this excellent cast, and those who saw "Fast and Loose" recently, and admired its dark, handsome hero, will welcome the return to the screen of Charles Starrett in the juvenile role of "Silence." Other parts are capably filled by Willard Robertson, John Wray and Frank Sheridan.

The action of the picture takes place over a period of twenty or

more years and interesting life to the "good old days" before the war. The latter scenes, taking place in a modern Middle West City, concentrate all the force of the drama in terse and thrilling climactic incidents.

"Silence" is drama taken from life, real, thrilling, believably portrayed.

"TILLY OF BLOOMSBURY."

Of all the innumerable difficulties that arise during the production of a talkie, none is so aggravating and costly than those mysterious the sound recording.

Thousands of pounds have been spent by sound specialists in research work—their task in the possibility of interference has been discovered and solved, but not all the King's Horses and the King's men can hope to conquer freak accidents.

Jack Raymond, when producing "Tilly of Bloomsbury" as a talking picture for Sterling Film Co., Ltd., had been fortunate in escaping trouble until he was shooting some exterior grounds. A costly set had been erected, and the expensive cast was all roads to walk on. Sequences were cut and dried and rehearsed to perfection.

Half-way through the shooting of one difficult scene which was progressing splendidly, the faint droning of distant aeroplane engine was caught by the mike and disturbed the recording. The plane was flying high and was but a speck in the clouds. Jack Raymond, expecting the plane would very soon be completely out of the microphone's range suspended work. But as the disturbing noise of one plane disappeared in the far distance, it was soon replaced by another. Then to make matters worse, a succession of 'planes appeared, flying in and out of the clouds, cavorting like a lot of buzzing bees round a jam pot. Only this time the proverbial jam pot was a highly sensitive movie microphone, which metaphorically speaking was ticking up a thousand times more expensively than a taxi clock.

At long last the aeroplane circus finished its performance and flew off one thought derisively.

Thankfully, Jack Raymond recommenced shooting, and in the tense scenes which followed, soon forgot his exasperation.

But it was not to be; the sound recorder signalled for him to stop. "Sorry Mr. Raymond," he said, "there's a queer noise coming through and it's no use shooting until we put it right."

Once again a hold-up, and every minute costing pounds. The reason for the interruption was soon discovered, and was found to be the moaning and howling of a wind current which was passing right through the microphone. Nothing could be done but wait for the noise to subside or hope that the wind would blow another way.

This eventually did happen and with tempers and production costs running high work was resumed on "Tilly of Bloomsbury," which will be shown at the King's Theatre commencing next Thursday.

"AUTOMOBILE FACE."

A New Complaint for Motorists.

"Automobile face," a complaint which, according to Dr. Thomas Lennon and Dr. Milton Lennon, paralyses the muscles of the left side of the face, is particularly prevalent in San Francisco.

The two physicians have studied many cases of this trouble, and have come to the conclusion that the paralysis is caused by driving against the cold winds which blow in over the city from the Pacific Ocean.

Massage will effect a cure, say the doctors.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7.05-11 p.m.—European Programme of Victor and H.M.V. Records.

7.05-8 p.m.—A Concert.
Violin Solo—

Chant D'Espagne (Samazeuilh),
(a) La Candelon Del Divido
(Soprano-Ferninger),
(b) Rondo (Spohr-Ferninger),
Master Yehudi Menuhin
(7817).

Song—
My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue
(Lohar),
Twilight (Hamilton),
Maria Jeritza (Soprano)
(1234).

Piano Solo—
Malaguena (Lecuona),
La Cathedrale (Debussy),
Olga Samaro (7304).

Chorus—
Mother O' Mine (Burlough),
Lay Vicars of Westminster
Abbey (B3413).

Violin Solo—
Gavotte (Beethoven),
Menuet (Bach-Winterhagen),
Fritz Kreisler (1186).

Song—
Kingfisher Blue
(Woodford-Finden)
Jelium Boat Song
(Woodford-Finden)
Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone
(C2177).

Piano Solo—
Etude in A Minor (Mendelssohn),
Etude in F Major (Mendelssohn),
Sergei Rachmaninoff (1266).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.05-8.38 p.m.—
Stephen Foster Melodies,
Played by Nat Shilkret with
the Victor Salon Group and
Orchestra (C-2).

8.38-9 p.m.—

Iberia—
In the Streets & Byways,
The Odors of the Night,
The Morning of a Fata Day and
L'Isle Joyeuse (Debussy),
Played by Victor Symphony
Orchestra Conducted by
Piero Coppola (M-77).

9-11 p.m.—Dance Programme.
Fox Trot—
You Forgot Your Gloves,
Falling in Love (22706)

High & Low (22708)
Dancing in the Dark (22707)

I was Only Teasing You, (22727)

Ooh! Hoor! You—Hoor! (22730)

On the Beach with You (22730)

Waltz—
Reaching for the Moon, (22613)

Truly I Love You (22613)

Fox Trot—
That Little Boy of Mine, (22738)

The Hour of Parting (22738)

Minnie the Moocher, (22733)

Hebbie Jeebies (22733)

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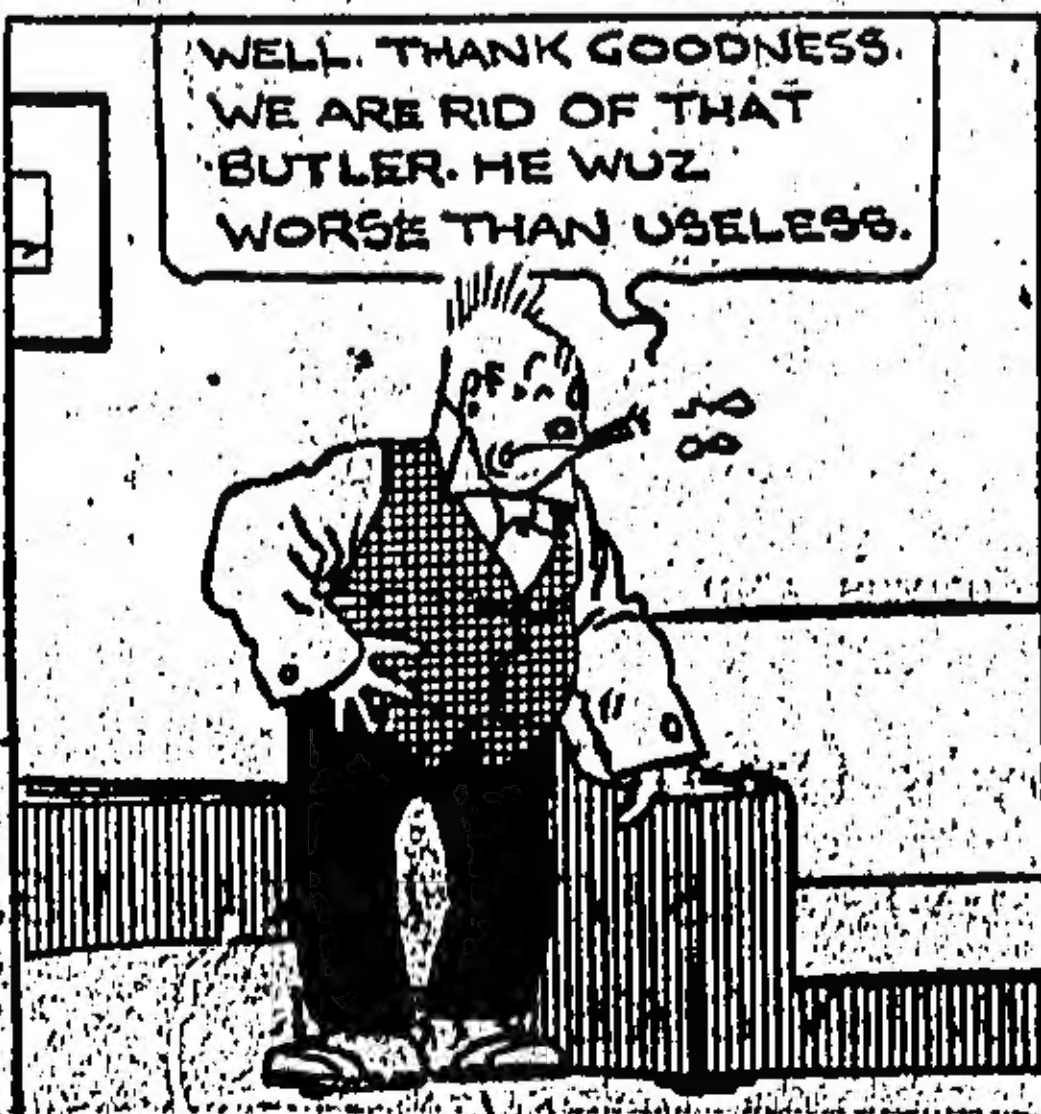


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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

PROFESSIONALISM
DOOMED?Football and Cricket
Ventures.

DWINDLING ATTENDANCES.

London, December 8.
The most important effect of the prevalent industrial depression, in so far as the world of sport is concerned, has been the emphasis which it has laid upon the fact that the commercialisation of cricket and Association football in England is not likely to prove a successful venture in the future. writes a London correspondent.

Wherever the two games have been backed as business propositions, they are falling into decay. The cricket clubs who employ large numbers of professionals have been, for the most part, struggling under a burden of penury for years, though there have been brought into the game all sorts of fantastic rules which were designed simply with the intention of making play more "spectacular" and a greater "draw." The "soccer" managers have overreached themselves in their frantic endeavours to increase the popularity of their teams with the public and, as a result, we are pestered to watch matches solely on the plea that the players in them were "transferred" at enormous prices. "Come and see our £10,000 centre-forward," is the modern equivalent of "Sixpence to see the fat lady!"

Many of the best elements in football and cricket have been sacrificed in order to satiate the public taste for "some new thing" and the natural result is that taste has become soured. Both games have been made more and more "artificial" and have so lost their main appeal which, after all, is to the primitive instincts and emotions.

The Dogs Have It.

As a result, attendances have dwindled, gate receipts are but a shadow of their former selves, and many thousands of people who were formerly cricket and football "fans" are now giving their attention to dog-racing or amateur sport, where the game is played for the game's sake.

Or, to say the same thing in another way, those who have grown weary of watching professional "sport" are now devoting themselves to games or to gambling, the latter being the real attraction for most of the followers of horse and greyhound racing.

Fortunately, the number of those who have turned their attention from professional games to amateur is far greater than that of the recruits to gambling. Interest in Rugby football, amateur "soccer," fencing, amateur boxing, lawn tennis, skating and ice-hockey is now greater than it has ever been before in Britain, and the clubs are finding it difficult to provide accommodation for the great mass of active supporters they are gathering to themselves.

In these developments, many knowledgeable people profess to see the doom of professional football as it is played to-day, and the downfall of cricket in the business sense. I prefer to put it in this way—the Leagues, and the County Cricket Championship will have to be organised on new lines in the years to come.

HONG KONG CRICKET
CLUB TEAMS.League Matches with
Craigengower C.C.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in their League matches against the Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday. The first eleven are away, and the second eleven at home.

1st XI—H. Owen, Hughes (captain), H. V. Armstrong, A. C. Back, E. R. Dickett, A. W. Hayward, O. E. O. Marion, Capt. G. E. Mirabon, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. R. Robert, A. Reid, and J. N. Stock.

2nd XI—E. K. Brown (captain), E. R. Davies, J. R. Dickett, O. E. Marion, and J. N. Stock.

A. V. GOSANO UNABLE
TO GO TO SHANGHAI.Leave from University
Unobtainable.

TEAM LEAVE ON JAN. 30.

It was revealed at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council, held last evening, that A. V. Gosano, the inter-port footballer, will not be able to secure the necessary leave to make the trip to Shanghai with the local team which sails on the P. & O. Nalders on January 30.

The chairman read a letter from Sir William Hornell, who expressed his regret to Mr. R. M. Dyer in not being able to obtain from the Registrar of the University the necessary leave for A. V. Gosano to make the trip.

Arrangements for the local team are not yet complete, but it has been decided to send fourteen players and a manager to Shanghai for the match, which is to be played at the Canton Club on Saturday, February 6.

The team leaves by the s.s. Nalders on January 30 and is due to arrive at Shanghai on February 2. The Hong Kong players will return by the P. & O. Kashmir which leaves the northern port on February 9. Mr. R. K. Duncan, intimated that he would not be able to travel with the team as manager, and Mr. W. E. Hollands, Hon. Secretary of the Association, was asked to make the journey.

Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—Sim Shield—Hong Kong Club v. Navy at U.S.R.C. at 4.30 p.m. Revere v. St. Andrew's Club.

Friday—Radio Sports v. Jat Regt.: Police v. St. Andrew's.

FOOTBALL—To-day—Interport Trial on Club ground at 4 p.m. Saturday—First Division—Borderers v. St. Joseph's; Police v. Argyle; Kowloon v. Navy; Club v. Revere; Second Division—Kowloon v. University; Borderers v. Argyle; Club v. Navy; Twelfth Battery v. R.A.O.C.; Chinese League—South China "A" v. Chinese Athletic "A"; Sung Ching v. Eastern; South China "B" v. Chinese Athletic "B".

GOLF—Friday—Final of Railway Cup (Ladies).

ATHLETICS—Saturday—Entries close for Volunteers Sports Meeting.

CRICKET—Saturday—First Division—Indian R.C. v. Navy (L); University v. Kowloon C.C. (L); Craigengower C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L); Royal Artillery v. Police R.C. (F); Second Division—Kowloon C.C. v. University (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (L).

HONG KONG LADIES'
HOCKEY TEAMSPlaying Against Kent
This Afternoon.

A friendly hockey match has been arranged between the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club and H.M.S. Kent for this afternoon at Sookunpon, at 6.15 p.m. when the following will represent the ladies' team:

M. Bird, E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, E. Ross, A. N. Oiler, M. Wallasey, A. McElroy, M. Allan Jones, E. Bonnar, C. Ferguson and E. Blackburn.

INCOGNITOS TEAM
FOR TO-MORROW.Mamak Shield Match
Against R.C.S.

The following will represent the Incognitos in the Mamak Hockey Competition against the Royal Signals tomorrow at the U.S.R.C. ground at 7.15 p.m.

H. Barnard, J. Silva, A. Rodriguez, E. Silva Netto, W. Reed, N. Belasco, F. Remedios, C. Barro, E. C. Barro, C. C. Barro, and F. Barro.

Paterson, E. C. Paterson, V. Skelton, A. C. Skelton, J. N. Wolf, and C. Wolf.

COMEDY AND PATHOS
IN GOLF.Bobby Jones Tells a
Good Story.

"O POND" WINS.

Comedy and pathos are never far distant in golf. Manifestations of unrestrained can, of course, be extremely tiresome when they directly concern ourselves.

Many years ago my progress in a medal round, when I happened to be performing unusually well, was brought to a sudden close by an exhibition of uncontrolled temper by my partner, a highly-respected City man who might have known better. Having driven two balls into a pond, which he declared, should be employed for the purpose of drowning every member of the committee, in addition to the titled president, my enraged partner snatched his clubs from the caddy and hurled the lot, including the bag, into the water, writes George Greenwood.

"Have these as well," he shrieked livid with rage, and with that turned his back on myself and the two astonished caddies, and marched back to the clubhouse. "Well, I'm blown; that's fair done us," said my caddy, staring in the direction of the retreating figure. It most certainly had. There was nothing for it but to return to the club, where, later, I received the profuse apologies of my late partner. But I never played with him again.

An Authority Speaks.
Bobby Jones is an authority on the side-sport of club-throwing as a convenient kind of safety valve to ward off more serious explosions. He tells the story of a national champion at Oakmont heaving his putter into an adjoining wood and sternly forbidding his caddy to recover it. I have seen Jones, in his younger days, during a championship at St. Andrews, putt between his legs on the classic Eden green as an expression of complete and utter disgust.

"When you feel so extremely a fool, and a bad golfer to boot, what the deuce can you do except throw the club away?" asks Jones. What, indeed? There is one other alternative, and that is to throw the lot away, as in the case of the gallant colonel at Westward Ho! who, carefully stripping, waded out to sea and then hurled beyond the line of the breakers the whole set of his offending clubs.

The father of two illustrious golfers, Mr. H. N. Wethered, in his new book, *The Perfect Golfer* (Methuen, 7s. 6d.), goes one better with the story of an actor

who put his first and then his second shot into a pool in front of the first tee and cried, "Give me all the balls, caddy, and flung them in. 'Take these balls, O Pond!' he declaimed, loudly. Then the clubs followed—'And these clubs, O Pond!' Unfortunately, at this crisis the caddy laughed and was thrown in as well—'And this caddy too, O Pond!' This may be described as an example of simple, honest, dramatic, but not necessarily vindictive, temper."

Instinctive Habit.
There is danger of the instinct for personal violence becoming a habit. Mr. Wethered also tells of the player so keenly prejudiced against successful long putts (when executed by an opponent) that it was always considered advisable, if one was the offender, to fall flat on the ground as soon as the ball went down, as a club immediately came hurtling through the air at one's head with the remark, "I can't stand these long putts!"

Nervousness is not altogether an element to be regretted in golf. Bobby Jones has said it down that he always plays best when in a nervous condition.

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THE FOURTH ROUND.Barnsley Well Beaten
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POLICY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE TO BE DRAFTED.

(Kuo Min News Agency.)

Ministries of Railways and Interior.

Nanking, Jan. 7. In accordance with a decision of the Executive Yuan, it is announced that the following changes in the personnel of the Ministry of Railways and Interior have been made:

Ministry of Railways.
Chang En-huang, Director of the General Affairs Department;

Kwan Keng-ling, Director of the Business Department;
Jen Chuan-pang, Director of the Finance Department;
Chang Hu, Chao Tseng-yu and Yu Yen, Counsellors.

Ministry of Interior.
Hsieh I-chung, Director of the General Affairs Department;
Chu Kuo-liang, Director of the Civil Affairs Department and concurrently Acting Director of the Rites and Ceremony Department.

Li Keng, Director of the Statistics Department; and Huang Tzu-chung, Director of the Land Department and concurrently Acting Director of the Police Affairs Department.

Finances.

Measures are being drafted by Dr. Huang Han-liang, Officiating Minister of Finance, to meet the enormous deficits in the various governmental departments accumulated prior to the recent re-organization of the National Government.

Further important appointments of the Ministry of Finance were announced yesterday. They are:

Dr. Kuo Ping-wan, Director of the Customs Administration.
Mr. Chou Ping-wen, Director of the Consolidated Tax Administration.

Mr. Chen Chun-ting, Director of the Treasury Department.
Dr. Francis K. Pan, who was originally appointed Director of the Treasury Department, is transferred as Financial Secretary of the Ministry. Appointment of a new Director of the Salt Administration is still under consideration.

National Defence.

Peking, Jan. 7.

It is learnt that the leading military commanders in North China will issue a telegram urging the Central Government to draft a definite policy for national defence, before another false step is made.

It is generally felt that with Japanese troops occupying Chin-

chow and threatening Shanhai-kwan, and with Chinwangtao and Tangku open to invasion, North China is in imminent danger. Moreover, communications in Jehol being inadequate and slow, should the Japanese attempt to advance on that province, the few troops stationed there would be entirely insufficient to ward off the invaders.

Col. Dohibara.

Tientsin, Jan. 7. The return to Tientsin of the notorious Col. Dohibara, one time "mayor of Shenyang and alleged chief instigator of the Tientsin uprisings, is reported. Owing to his best record, much apprehension is felt on the part of the Chinese that he is again out for mischief.

In the meantime, Tientsin remains quiet in spite of the fall of Chinchow. Curfew hours have been further relaxed since yesterday.

General Li's House Fired.

Nanking, Jan. 7.

The Nanking residence of General Li Chi-sen, the Kwangsi leader, was entirely gutted by fire yesterday evening. The speed with which the fire swept the building rendered rescue work difficult and little movable property could be salvaged from the flames. No casualties, however, are reported. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

National Finance Commission
Nanking, Jan. 6.

In accordance with a resolution reached at the Shanghai Peace Conference, the former National Government established a National Finance Commission last November to control military and civil expenditures and to pass on revenue receipts of the Government. Twenty-three members were then appointed and regulations promulgated. The Commission was inaugurated on Nov. 15.

At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Yuan, however, it was decided that a change in the membership and organization of the Commission was necessary in consequence of the resignation of General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong, President and Vice-President of the Executive Yuan who acted concurrently as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission. Consequently, the following 38 persons were appointed to serve as members of the Commission:

Government:—President Sun Ro; Generals Chen Ming-shu, Ho Ying-chin, Han Fu-chu, Chiang

Hsueh-liang, Hsu Yung-chang and Ho Cheng-chun; Ministers Huang Han-liang, Chen Kung-po and Yeh Kung-cho; Vice-Minister Lin Kang-hou; Mr. Li Shih-tseng and Dr. H. H. Kung, members of the Central Party Committees.

Commerce and Industry:—Messrs. Yung Tsung-ching, O. S. Liao, Fan Hsu-tung, Yu Ya-ching, Wang Shao-lai and Kwok Lock.

Banking:—Messrs. Chang Chia-ngau, Li Ming, Wu Ting-chang, Chou Tso-min, Chen Hui-te, Chien Yung-ming, Hu Tsu-tung, Hu Pi-kiang and Tan Li-sun.

Economic Experts and Educationalists:—Messrs. Wang Yun-yu, Ku Meng-yu, Hu Shih, Ma Yin-chu, Yang Chuan, Chin Ching-yang, Tang Yu-jen, Chen Chin-tao, Teng Shao-ying and Lu Hsueh-pu.

Educational Supplies.

Nanking, Jan. 6.

In compliance with a petition of the Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Education, the Ministry of Education has issued an order requiring that native products be used as far as practicable by all schools and educational institutions in the provision of stationery, apparatus and other equipment. With regard to imported apparatus for which there are at present no substitutes, the various universities and technical institutes are instructed to explore the possibilities of native manufacture so that foreign products may be dispensed with as soon as possible.

Mr. Yui Ming.

Nanking, Jan. 6.

Mr. Yui Ming, formerly Counsellor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Canton, was appointed to-day as Director of the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Yui is a graduate of Cornell University.

Railway Loan.

Nanking, Jan. 4.

It is reported that an agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Railways and the Board of Trustees in charge of British Boxer Indemnity Fund for a loan from the latter of \$400,000, for the construction of the railway ferry across the Yangtze River connecting Pukow with Hsiakwan, Nanking, the materials for which will be imported from Britain.

Mr. Eugene Chen and Manchuria.

Nanking, Jan. 3.

That a settlement of the present Manchurian situation must be sought, through diplomatic

means, was intimated by Mr. Eugene Chen, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an address made to the staff members of the Ministry yesterday morning.

Minister Chen pointed out that never in her history had China ever found herself in such a difficult position as that which confronts her at the present juncture. Her difficulties may indeed be described as unparalleled, he emphasised.

After referring to the grave responsibility of the Foreign Ministry in the discharge of its duties in the present national crisis, Minister Chen expressed his conviction that the new unified Government, by singleness of mind and purposes, will be able to tide the nation over this unprecedented difficulty. "As regards the Manchurian situation, a settlement must be sought through diplomatic channels," he declared.

While recognising China's weakness in the diplomatic world, Minister Chen pointed out, however, that satisfactory results can be achieved if the entire nation would present a united front. Whether or not China can vindicate the cause of Right will depend primarily upon the proper conduct of her diplomatic negotiations. He concluded with the hope that the entire staff members would give him every assistance in fulfilling the important mission with which the Foreign Ministry has been entrusted.

A SOVIET SKYSCRAPER.

Building Projects at Moscow.

1932 PROGRAMME.

Moscow, Jan. 4.

Several important building projects will be taken in hand in the Russian capital with the advent of Spring according to an announcement published to-day in the organ of the Moscow Soviet.

These projects include the construction of the first skyscraper of 22 storeys. This skyscraper will be solely devoted to literature and will provide a home for all Russian publishing houses. In addition to this, the skyscraper will house a public library and several public reading rooms.

Other projects include several new theatres, of which one is to be

dedicated to the Red Army and to be reserved exclusively for the attendance of the red officers and soldiers. Another theatre, seating an audience of 3,000, will be constructed along entirely new lines. The architects have in this case dispensed with the stage and with all machinery for decorations. The seats are built around a horseshoe-shaped platform on which the actors will perform their parts after the fashion of the Shakespearean stage without any background and without any footlights whatever. In explaining the new departure, the organ of the Moscow Soviet emphasises that it is calculated to stimulate co-operation between the actors and their audiences.

All these new buildings are to be completed within this year.—Trans-ocean Kuomin.

A DOMESTIC MORATORIUM.

For Denmark.

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.

A bill proclaiming a domestic moratorium for one year is being prepared by the Government, according to information from authoritative quarters. The measure is primarily destined for the relief of agriculture where bankruptcy is raging owing to the crisis and the depreciation of the kroner.—Trans-ocean Kuomin.

LISBON STARTLED.

Meteor Flashes By Over City.

PANIC PREVAILS.

Lisbon, Dec. 29.

A panic was caused here to-night by a huge meteor, passing over the capital and disappearing out at sea. For a few seconds it seemed as if the enormous fiery mass would descend upon the city and cause havoc there. Then the danger passed as swiftly as it had come and all that was left of the meteor was its glowing track across the skies.

The phenomenon was observed from the local observatory, whose director stated that the size of the meteor had been without precedent in historical times.—Trans-ocean Kuomin.

SIDELIGHTS ON LOCAL HAWKER SYSTEM

PROSECUTION REVEALS "TERRIBLE SYSTEM" OF BRIBERY.

THREE CONSTABLES CHARGED

Three constables, Li Lam, Mak Lu and Wan Pui, and two others, named Chau Pang and Wong Tok, appeared before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday afternoon, charged with alleged bribery from hawkers. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy was for the Crown, whilst Chau Pang was represented by Mr. Horace Lo, and the three constables were defended by Mr. F. X. D'Almada.

Mr. Fitzroy said it was a very unusual and at the same time very unfortunate case. The three constables' duties were to look after all the hawkers and to see that they complied with the regulations. The other two defendants were outside people.

The policy adopted here in regard to hawkers was that a limited number of licences were granted to people with the view to limiting the number of hawkers. In this way, it was impossible for some people who were desirous of obtaining a living in that way, to do so.

After one had obtained a licence to hawk, one must adhere to one line of trade. One was not allowed to shift from one line to another. This being the present policy, there were many people who wanted to earn a living by hawking, but were unable to do so because licences were not granted to them. As they were unable to obtain licences, a number of them went to the streets to hawk without licences.

In this way, it started the "terrible system" of bribes. A hawker's licence cost \$4, and the defendants in this case imposed a levy of thirty cents a week in some cases and in others as much as \$1 a week.

The constables themselves could not collect these levies but had to get some people outside to do so. The outsiders would collect the levy from the hawkers week by week, giving a different pass-word every time with a number, so that when the hawkers were accosted by the constables in the street, they could give the pass-word of the week and their numbers. If they could supply these, they would not be interfered with, but otherwise they would be charged.

With this system, the constables could check up the number of hawkers who had paid the levy, and could at the same time tell whether the first and second defendants had been double-crossing them in regard to the payment. If a number of hawkers had not paid their levy, the constables would round them up to allow the first two defendants to collect.

A raid was made by Police officers on the ground floor of No. 241 Temple Street on December 29, and there they found a list of names, presumably of people who paid levy. Apparently even licensed hawkers were made to pay. If a hawker had paid the "squeeze money" if Mr. Fitzroy could use the term, he was not interfered with at all, no matter what he did.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston gave evidence of the raid. Chu Heung, a detective inspector, corroborated Inspector Elston's evidence.

The hearing was adjourned until January 19.

AN AERONAUTIC EXPEDITION.

'Plane As A Flying Laboratory.

FOR AFRICA.

Berlin, Dec. 29.

Flying a Puss Moth machine equipped with a 60 h.p. engine, Dr. Karl Simmer, an Austrian scientist and the German pilot Fritz Spindler, left the Tempelhof Aerodrome this morning on the first aeronautic expedition into tropical Africa. For this purpose the machine had been turned into a flying laboratory, being loaded to capacity with all kinds of scientific apparatus, from instruments for measuring the intensity and velocity of the sun rays and specially designed

microscopes for the study of special infusoria found in certain African pools to special recording apparatus for native songs and dances. When the machine was weighed shortly before its start, it was found to be too heavy and the explorers had to leave behind several tins of film, and even then the pilot only just managed to take the heavy plane off the ground.

The expedition will take approximately three months. Its route includes unexplored spots in the Soudan, Arabia, the Belgian Congo, Tanganyika and Abyssinia whose emperor has sent a special invitation to the two explorers who have both seen war service as pilots and, before their departure expressed confidence that they would return safe and sound from what is considered an extremely dangerous venture.

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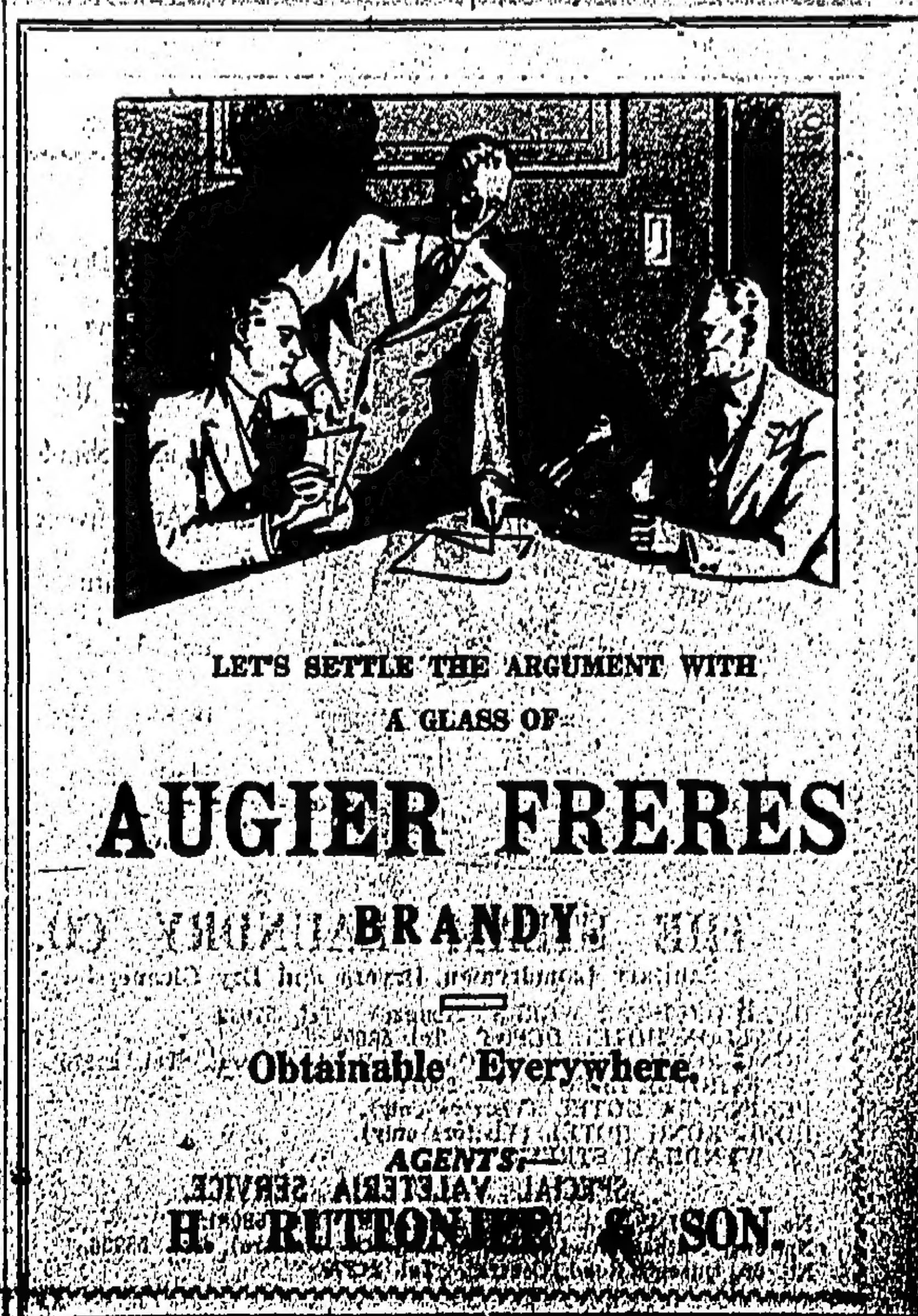
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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1932.

French Cabinet Resigns.

On the eve of two momentous conferences, M. Laval has found it incumbent upon himself, and his colleagues, to hand in the Cabinet's resignation, which M. Doumer, the French President, has had no alternative but to accept. This turn of events in France, coupled with the announcement that France cannot bind herself to the date of the Lausanne Conference, which it had been hoped, at long last, had been definitely fixed for January 25, is greatly to be deplored. It gives rise to the suspicion, rightly or wrongly, that France is deliberately shirking a responsibility, and deliberately thwarting all efforts being made to resuscitate Germany, and through Germany the world's condition.

The reason vouchsafed for this resignation of the Cabinet indicates that in regard to the two major world problems—Reparations and Disarmament—there exists disunity of purpose and policy in the French Government. What has been suspected, in spite of French assertions to the contrary, now apparently stands revealed. That is, France is determined that Germany shall be ruined, utterly and finally. The German menace, so far as France is concerned, is to be laid low, once and for ever. And the price she is prepared to pay for such a purpose is material, even if it entails precipitating a world crisis—at any rate, a European crisis—in which more countries than Germany will crash. In such a crash, does France hope not to be directly involved?

Burma.

The Premier's statement of the British Government's policy in regard to the future of Burma, made by Mr. MacDonald at the Round Table Conference yesterday, ought to give general satisfaction in the land of the golden pagoda. The statement was expressed in a clear and direct manner, and it is to be expected that it will be received with approval by the Burmese people.

are political discontents in every land, and they are hard to satisfy and please, if to satisfy and please them is at all possible.

But, of what use was it for the Premier to have made a qualification by saying, "the Government was prepared, if and when satisfied that the Burmese desired a government separate from India"? The desire for separation of Burma from India is of many years' standing. It is no new thing. Indeed, the fact that Burma was ever tied to the skirts of India has all along been a sore point. There have been agitations for separation off and on in the past forty years. The most recent agitation, of five to six years ago, was so strong that no longer could the authorities ignore it. More especially so when the Simon Commission advocated separation. It is unfortunate that the Premier should have qualified so needlessly a statement, every word of which the Burmese have been eagerly awaiting.

But for this unfortunate lapse on the part of the Premier, the Policy, as outlined, holds much promise for Burma; and the general election, which is to be held before the end of the year, to decide the broad issue of the separation of Burma from India, we feel sure will make the issue as plain as a pike staff. It is that to-day Burma has long desired separation. Burma desires separation to-day, and she will be making it a year hence. And, like the baby in a famous advertisement, she won't be happy until she gets it.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 57°. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 88 and 89 at 4 p.m.

A Chinese girl, the Girls of Berlin Public School, will be given at the H.K. May Institute on Thursday, January 21, at 8.30 p.m. It is advisable to book early. Members wishing to reserve tables should do so by January 15.

Arthur von Gwinner, a member of the board of Germany's leading bank, the Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft, died here to-day at the age of 77 after a long illness. He was born in 1854 and was a prominent figure in German financial circles.

CORRESPONDENCE

SANITARY BOARD CASE.

An Apology.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Sir,—With reference to a recent case in Court in which I was cited as the Defendant, may I make the following points clear.

I had been to some trouble to trap the guilty persons myself and had asked the police to endeavour to effect arrests.

I was unfortunately prevented by illness from being in Court, but had I been present I should never have made any reference to the Retrenchment Commission nor imputed malice to the H.S.D. or any one else.

I express my sincere regret to Mr. Sayer that any such imputation was made and I tender my apology to him that such a thing should have happened owing to my not having given the necessary instructions.

I shall be grateful if you, Sir, will give this apology the fullest publicity.—I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

J. J. PATTERSON.

Hong Kong, January 12.

THE "ORDER OF CHRIST."

Bestowed on Italy's King.

PAPAL HONOUR.

Rome, Jan. 6.
The bestowal of the "Order of Christ," the highest papal decoration, upon the King of Italy and the Crown-Prince is welcomed by the Press as setting a visible seal upon the reconciliation between the Vatican and the Fascist State after their estrangement over the affair of the Azilone Grottoes which had led to a violent controversy between the Pontiff and Il Duce.

The order was established in the beginning of the XIV Century and consists of a white and red enamelled cross suspended from a golden chain. It is only bestowed on rare occasions as is demonstrated by the fact that, aside from the king and his son, there are only four members of the order living.

ASIATIC BLOC FORMING.

Turkey Taking the Initiative.

SOVIET SUPPORT.

Paris, Jan. 4.
The formation of an Asiatic Bloc, comprising Russia, Turkey, Persia and, perhaps, the Iraq, is forecast in the French Press to-day in a despatch from Ankara. According to this source, Turkey is assuming the initiative in establishing this bloc for which purpose, it is stated, she has already secured the support of the Soviets. The project will be discussed in detail during the forthcoming visit to Moscow of the Turkish Foreign Minister, Rukhbet Bey who on his return from the Soviet capital will go to Tehran and to Bagdad, it is reported.—Trans-ocean Kuomin.

NOTED GERMAN BANKER DEAD.

A Dominant Figure in Financial Circles.

ARTHUR VON GWINNER.

Berlin, Dec. 29.

Arthur von Gwinner, a member of the board of Germany's leading bank, the Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft, died here to-day at the age of 77 after a long illness. He was born in 1854 and was a prominent figure in German financial circles. He was a member of the board of the Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft, and was also a member of the board of the Reichsbank. He was a prominent figure in German financial circles and was a member of the board of the Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft.

FRANCE ABANDONS SCHEME

For European Economic Federation.

GERMAN OPPOSITION.

Prague, Jan. 6.
France has abandoned her scheme of establishing a south-eastern European economic federation consisting of Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary, according to a despatch from Paris, published by the "Norodny Politika." It is stated that the decision of France not to follow up the plan has been conveyed to the Paris "diplomatic envoys of the three powers concerned." The reason given for dropping the plan is the strong objection on the part of Germany and Italy as well as Yugoslavia, France's chief satellite in South-eastern Europe.—Trans-ocean Kuomin.

FANCY DRESS SOCIAL.

Happy Time Spent at Kowloon Union Church.

A Fancy Dress Social, given by the Young People's Society of the Kowloon Union Church, and at which members of the St. Andrew's Club were guests, was held in the Union Church hall last night, there being a large crowd present, and a jolly time was spent by all. Colourful fancy dress costumes added much to the gaiety of the function, during which Mr. J. Gardner, in a short speech of welcome, asked the Rev. E. L. Allen, who was present, to become the President of the Young People's Society. In accepting, amid applause, Dr. Allen said that both he and Mrs. Allen would do their best to help forward the good work of the juvenile society.

On behalf of St. Andrew's Club, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers expressed gratitude for their kind invitation which the Club had very much appreciated, and wished all members of the Y.P.S. success during the coming year. (Applause.)

Competitions that proved real "brain testers" were indulged in with keenness, whilst games also added much to the merriment of the evening.

The arrangements for the evening were in the capable hands of Mr. G. R. Lieb, the Hon. Secretary of the Y.P.S., and his hard working committee.

The prizes for the best fancy dresses were awarded as follows: For St. Andrew's Club won by Miss A. Miller.

For Young People's Society, won by Mr. Niblett.

MR. O. F. RIBEIRO.

Knocked Down By Tramcar.

FOREHEAD CUT.

An accident occurred yesterday afternoon, when Mr. O. F. Ribeiro, of Messrs. Oscar F. Ribeiro and Co., Des Voeux Road Central, was knocked down by a tramcar, near Lee House Street.

Mr. Ribeiro was thrown on to his face and sustained a cut on forehead. He suffered from rather severe shock and was later admitted to hospital.

ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS.

"The Island of Hainan" was the subject of an interesting address at the Rotary Club dinner yesterday, by Dr. M. Bercevit, head of the American Presbyterian Hospital at Hailow. Sir William Hotnell, presided. Other guests entertained were Mr. D. D. Mackay, Mr. H. B. Bailey, Mr. M. C. C. Chan, Dr. Bercevit spoke of the progressiveness of the Chinese and Hainanese, saying that communication had proved the biggest development since 1918, there being now a regular network of passable roads and between 600 and 700 motor cars, so that the island was now accessible by motor car.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Ten Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant and Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Ten Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

January 21—Old Bedfordians' annual dinner, Hong Kong Club, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Silence."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Laughing Students."

To-day—Central Theatre: "For the Defence."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Women Love Oats."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Viking."

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from London (Aeneas).

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Kashmir); from America (President Jefferson); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kashmir), 6 p.m.

Lampert's Auction.

Friday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

THE MAN THEY COULD NOT ARREST.

Gainsborough Triumph for the Queen's.

That the British Picture industry is gaining rapid strides on the pathway of progress is clearly shown in the Gainsborough picture "The Man They Could Not Arrest" which will have its first screening at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The advancement shown in the sets and lighting effects is greatly pronounced in this picture while the acting by an excellent all-British cast gives the finishing touch to another British film triumph. The plot which centres round a gang of master crooks is cleverly exploited and provides thrilling episodes throughout the play. Hugh Wakefield as Dain, a clever inventor, whose knowledge of radio frustrates the criminal element, is a pleasing character in the plot and is well supported by Meriel, Renee Clams, a charming heroine, now to Hong Kong, who's acting in this picture is a fore-runner to further success.

Gordon Barker, Harry Marsh, Nicholas Hanson, Robert Farquharson and Dinnes Vyndham complete the cast of one of the best British films ever shown in the Colony. A picture well worth seeing.

MR. F. T. LEE.

Funeral at Happy Valley Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. Frederick Thomas Lee, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday, and was attended by a large gathering. The Rev. W. W. Rogers officiated at the graveside. Mr. Lee is survived by his wife and six children. They are Mrs. G. S. Ford, Stella and Alice and Dr. George Lee, Richard E. Lee, and Eric Lee.

There was a profusion of floral tributes laid on the grave.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 13, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Only to the eye of the keen observer was it evident that there was a change in the weather. The sun was shining brightly and the air was warm. The people were dressed in light clothing and were enjoying the day. The children were playing in the park and the old people were sitting on the benches. The city was full of life and activity.

FIRE AND WRECK

"GRAVEYARDS FOR SHIPS AND SAILORMEN"

By A Sailor.

"These islands south of New Zealand that have just been provisioned for shipwrecked mariners are proper graveyards for ships and sailormen. I was wrecked on the South Auckland Islands myself in 1890. We were bound for the West Coast of South America with gunny bags from Calcutta in the Liverpool barque Compadre and went ashore at the south of the Leuwin. We had a good fair wind, and the Old Man hauled her away for Invercargill or, anyway, The Bluff. The Compadre was a vessel with a half-poop — some people call it a monkey poop, — and we had to cut away part of the deck aft to get water down to the fire. She wasn't a big ship, and the wind freshened into a sou'west gale. She started shipping heavy water aft. What we had put into her to hold the fire put her down by the stern, and the seas coming aboard soon ripped away the canvas we had nailed down over the hole in the deck, and she started to fill up with water, writes A. H. B. in the Manchester Guardian.

"Nine days after we discovered the fire we struck on the south point of the South Auckland Islands. The Old Man had decided to abandon her, and we were all ready, waiting for daylight, when the lookout reported land ahead. We could do nothing: it was too close. When she hit the foremast came down, and the main t'gallant and royal followed. The mate shouted for us all to get for'ard and jump for it. We that were below turned in all standing except our boots, made the forecabin head, and managed to get ashore with most of the watch on deck. Two men were left on the poop, but the heavy sea swung her stern round on another ledge of rocks and they also managed to get ashore. The old Compadre went down very quickly. She was almost sinking when she struck. We saved nothing; there was no time. The tide was out, and the skipper expected to be covered up by the tide, so we were told to climb up a steep incline to safety. That was the worst climb I ever did in my life. Only two of the port watch, which had been below, had boots, and I wasn't one of them. It was very dark, and to this day I don't know how we all managed to reach the top of that cliff in safety. The feet of my socks were gone before I had gone twenty yards. The second mate took off his sea-boots to get a surer footing and lost one of them. He searched for that boot every day, but never found it, and no one was ever allowed to forget his loss. He could swear, could the second mate.

"We spent the remaining hours of darkness huddled together at the top of the cliffs, wet, cold, and as miserable a crowd of men as well could be. The youngsters took turn about at crying. No one paid any attention to them, and just before daylight we heard a sheep bleat 'Baa-baa.' You wouldn't say there was music in a sheep's cry, but that cry was music to us all right. 'The place is inhabited,' we said to one another, but the Old Man soon told us where we were. The islands were uninhabited; except for an occasional seal-poacher and the periodical visits of the Government ship to inspect and replenish the stores no one ever came near it. However, there were sheep about; we would have something to eat. At daylight the Old Man sent us off by twos to locate the store. We didn't find it that day, and all the crowd of us had to eat was three albatross eggs, the albatross that was sitting on them (I was lucky enough to knock her over with a stone), and a small seal. We ate them all raw. Our matches were all ruined, and as we didn't know we were going to be wrecked, no one had a magnifying glass or part of a telescope with him. We did try to make a fire with two pieces of wood. I've been told the South Sea Island natives can do it, but perhaps we didn't go the right way about it, or perhaps we hadn't the right kind of wood. Anyway, we ate the food raw. We saw nothing of the 'sheep' we heard bleating, and we never caught one during all the time we were on the island, although we saw a good many — at a distance. There were guns among the stores which we found on the third day, but no ammunition. They had stopped supplying it, as the seal-poachers stole it. We found the figurehead of the Derry Castle in a sort of cemetery, with three or four graves around it. There were the bones of other ships along the beach and other graves with crosses on them, but the names had become unreadable. At the store we found everything we wanted, and also directions to find another cache at the north end of the island, about thirty miles away.

"The skipper decided we should have a better chance of being picked up if we occupied both depots. They tossed up, and the mate's watch had to make for the north end. We expected to make it in three days at least, but it took us fourteen. What a journey it was! Up hill and down dale. We had to make detours, and our feet got so bad we had to rest. Accidents were had, and two of our shipmates had to be carried. Two of us had to go back for provisions, while the others waited. We at last reached the north depot, and thanked God for it. We just lay around for about a month getting fit again, and wondering how our shipmates in the south were getting on. One day we found a boat, and three of us decided to sail south and find out. It was a mad thing to do, but we had to do something, and the boat offered the opportunity. None of us would have walked. I was one of the three. We made it in a day and got there in time. A gale sprang up before we reached a lee, and I thought we were done for, but we did manage to beach the boat, which was shortly afterwards smashed to pieces on the rocks. The skipper and the starboard watch were well and delighted to see us. The Old Man wept and kissed us, and that's going a long way for a shipmaster. Three of them set off to walk to the north depot a day or two after we arrived to take our place with the mate. More than four months after being shipwrecked we were picked up by a Maori sealing schooner and taken to Invercargill. One experience of that kind is enough for a lifetime.

"That is my old friend Black's story of the wreck of the Compadre in 1890.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Buyers Offer Current Rates.

STEADY TONE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange on January 13 stated:—

A steady tone was manifest at the opening session this morning, buyers being willing to pay current rates.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,465;
H.K. Electric, \$79.
Hotels (new), \$14.90.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.
Underwriters, \$4.60.
Powers, \$3.60.
Lands, \$82½.

Buyers.
China Underwriters, \$4.60.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Ewos, Tls. 16½.
Singapore Tractions, 3/4.
Cements, (combined), \$19.60.
Cements, (old), \$12½.
Dairy Farms, \$29.20.
Constructions (new), \$1.80.
Providents (old), \$5.30.
Providents (new), \$2.40.
Trams, \$22.40.
Canton Ice, \$5½.
Ropes, \$18.
Sinceres, \$16.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2½ per cent. premium.

Sellers.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$45.
Indo-China (Def.), \$32.
Ewos, Tls. 16½.
Telephones (part paid), \$28½.
Raubs, \$39.
Hotels (old), \$15.40.
China Lights, \$27.
Entertainments (old), \$16½.

CARROLL BROTHERS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros., share and general brokers, of Hong Kong have received by cable, quotations of the following Shanghai Stocks:

	T cts.
China Finance Corp.	6.75
International Investment Trust Co. (Ord.)	10.10
Cathay Land	12.50
Yantze Finance Co.	6.90
International Assurance Co.	4.80
China Realty Co.	12.75
Shanghai Lands	30.25
New Engineering	6.25
Shanghai Docks	90.00
Shanghai and Hong Kew Wharves	320.00
Shanghai Electric	34.25
Ewo Cottons	18.40
Shanghai Cottons	75.00
Zoong Sing Cottons	11.25
American Asiatic Underwriters	33.50
American Oriental Finance Corp. "B"	28.00
Asia Realty "B"	28.50
General Forge Products	7.25
Gold Bonds 1925	57%

SOVIET GOLD PRODUCTION.

Mining to Be Mechanised.

DOUBLE THE OUTPUT.

Moscow, Jan. 6.
That in order to redress the persistently unfavourable trade balance the Soviets are making great effort to stimulate the gold production was indicated to-day by F. N. Serebrovskii, the director of the Precious Metal Trust. Serebrovskii stated that the mining of gold in the more important districts along the Amur, Lena and Yenisei would be mechanised as speedily as possible. 22 large American dredgers, already been installed, he said, and a similar number was under construction in Russian factories. To deal with the goldbearing ore in the Altai district, Serebrovskii continued, special mills were being erected and would be completed this year. "It was hoped," he added, to double the gold output of Russia this year. — Trans-ocean Kuhn.

BRITISH PLANES FOR BELGIUM.

Large Order.

London, Jan. 8.
An order for military aeroplanes amounting to 300,000 francs, including 100,000 francs for the purchase of the engines, has been placed with the British Aircraft Corporation by the Belgian Government. The order is for 100 biplanes and 200 monoplanes, and is the largest order ever placed with the British Aircraft Corporation.

FUTURE STATUS OF BURMA

WHEN BURMA SEPARATES FROM INDIA

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY — SAFEGUARDS — GOVERNOR'S POWERS.

London, Tuesday.

The Government's policy with regard to the future constitutional status of Burma was announced by the Premier at the closing meeting of the Burma Round Table Conference at St. James' Palace.

He said the Government was prepared, if and when satisfied that the Burmese desired a government separate from India, to take steps subject to the approval of Parliament, to entrust responsible government in Burma to a bicameral legislature, representative of the people of Burma, with certain qualifications.

The legislature would be elected and partly nominated by the Governor, with adequate representation of communities and special interests.

The Premier, referring to the situation in India, emphasised that the Government would never abrogate the duty to govern.

The Prime Minister prefaced his statement of policy by a communication to the conference of a message from the King, in which His Majesty expressed cordial thanks for the loyal wishes of the conference.

What May be Expected.
In the course of his outline of the proposed new Burma constitution the Premier mentioned that the object of the administration was to raise up the peoples who come under its rule to a position in which they could assume responsibility for their own government, and it was with the greatest pride that his colleagues and himself faced them to bring the first stage of their deliberations to a conclusion.

Some may be a little disappointed, but he thought there was no reason for such feeling. Negotiations were always slow, especially constitutional negotiations. The Prime Minister then read his statement, as authorised by the Cabinet.

Responsibility would extend not only to provincial subjects reserved as well as transferred, but also to subjects which had hitherto been the responsibility of the Government of India.

The Legislature should consist of two Houses. The upper House should be composed partly of elected members and partly of members nominated by the Governor, and in size it should be about one-third of the Lower House. The Lower House of 120 to 180 members should be directly elected, minorities and special interests being adequately represented. The powers of the two Houses should be equal in all

FRENCH GENERAL PASSES AWAY.

"Man with the Iron Hand." GENERAL PAU.

Paris, Jan. 2.

General Pau, after the late general Foch and Joffre, France's most popular military leader died here to-day at the age of 83, slumbering away peacefully after a short illness. General Pau was generally referred to as "the man and the iron hand." This nickname was not inspired by any special brutality or severity, but merely by the fact that, as a young lieutenant, he had lost his right hand in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870 and had a simple iron prosthesis fitted to the stump. This shop and with the proceeds of the prize which he had won in the 1910 General Pau had been appointed a member of the Supreme War Council, which had resulted in his conviction. The conviction then transferred him to the French Republic. When they arrived in the French Republic, the General was appointed a member of the Council of Ministers, and he remained in that position until his death.

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KASHMIR	9,000	18th Feb.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	10,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	8,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
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Since the beginning of the present century a wave of materialism has swept over Western civilisation, breaking with all its force upon the shores of Great Britain. This is no place in which to enlarge upon the materialistic outlook in general, but it may safely be said that the Navy has not escaped scathless from the flood; indeed, it would be absurd to suppose that it could so escape, for though it is a magnifying mirror of the country's virtues, it reflects, even though it generally reduces, the country's vices. Few will deny that in all departments of human activity we have grown to regard excess as the hallmark of twentieth century progress, though mere excess has not been detected as such; rather has it been regarded as a sign of the inevitability of progress—a species of feverish "evolution." We seem to have learnt to look upon the extremes of size and speed as of value in themselves, and as synonymous with progress, a reversal of the traditional view, which did not rest content until it had reduced mechanical implements to the smallest, and particularly the simplest, proportions. The craze for excessive size, and especially for excessive speed, has immeasurably added to the cost of modernist material, and we have now reached the deplorable state in which we are apt to regard cost as a criterion of value and efficiency.

These reflections, whether they are right or wrong, are not set down as a philosophical excursion in abstraction, but because I believe, in all sincerity, that the inevitable economies that the Navy may have to face may become the means of resuscitating our maritime supremacy, and of immeasurably increasing the material efficiency of our fleet by the exclusion of every costly and unnecessary feature, and the elimination of non-essential vessels.

In urging a reconsideration as to whether great tonnage and the last extremity of speed are in reality of advantage, I am at least in good company, for Admiral Custance and Admiral Richmond to-day, like Mahan and Colomb of last century

fame, are at one on these matters. If our resources, and those of other nations, were unlimited, as are those of Nature, great hull tonnage and extremes of speed in our battleships and cruisers might be tolerable though even then, in my view, they would still be undesirable and a source of weakness rather than of strength. But our resources are strictly limited, so that if we persist in treating tonnage and speed as the main essentials of strength, we must make up our minds to a small and excessively costly Navy with numbers of vessels totally inadequate for that complete convoy system upon which the future security of our trade rests.

I have set forth elsewhere, to the best of my ability, the arguments against size and speed as desirable characteristics of men-of-war. Speed above a certain critical, and well-known, point involves sacrifices in guns and protection which, if the speed is used to force action, as only on rare occasions it can be used, will in all probability lead to disaster. Speed, as the war proved, can seldom force action upon an unwilling adversary, action being the eventual outcome of strategical necessity. Speed, in the last analysis, is of value mainly for avoiding action.

Great hull tonnage, again, can surely have no virtue as such. Provided the tonnage is sufficient to mount a gun armament, and armour over vitals, that enables it to engage the largest ship in the world, mounting the most enormous guns, the smallness of the hull, and thus of the target it presents to the enemy, is the finest form of protection. Surely against gunfire, and very especially against torpedo-fire, to have nothing to hit is a sadder form of protection than to have double the length and perhaps half the breadth again, armoured and artificially protected at staggering cost.

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We are constantly told that small ships would be acceptable if other nations would agree to similar ships. But the case for reduction in size rests on its own merits, and is an absolute and not a relative matter. Other nations' resources, like our own, are limited, and apart from this over-riding fact, and apart from the ability of two ships to fight one while one can seldom fight two, I maintain that, ship for ship, the properly designed smaller ship has an advantage over her rival, provided always that the tonnage of the smaller vessel is sufficient to mount an ideal gun armament.

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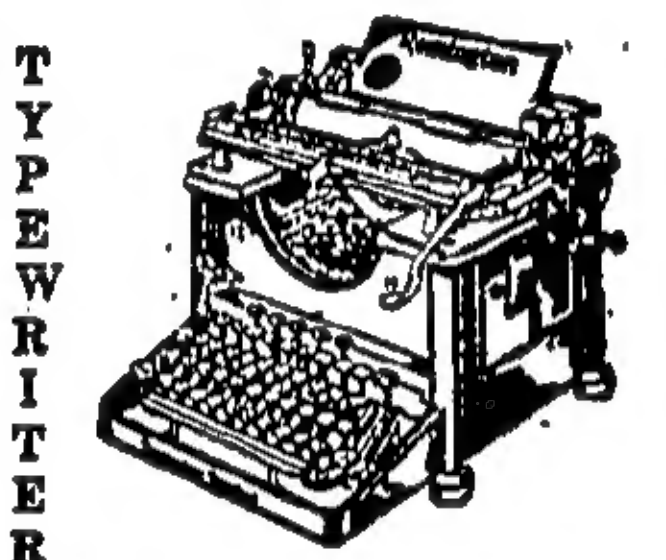
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HAMLET UP TO
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[By Sydney W. Carroll.]

About twenty-one years ago America was invaded for the first time by scenic artists. These men supplanted the old hack scene painters and revolutionized decor in the theatre. In their train followed another host of innovators, whose aim seemed to be, like that of the Athenians of old, ever to search for something new. They provided new kinds of scenes and settings—the abolition of pictorial backgrounds, the substitution of curtains, the provision of adjustable pylons and platforms, stylized and frankly unnatural drop curtains, permanent stages, movable stages, stages that suggested and provided more than the simplicity at first declared, stages that moved from side to side, up and down, or round and round.

With these architectural alterations came inevitably artistic changes. The drama became something of less importance than the atmosphere provided for it by the director. The actor lost his importance and significance as an artist in the mass of machinery and trappings employed to help him and his object.

Norman Bel-Geddes. Among these later arrivals a designer by the name of Norman Bel-Geddes, hailed by many of his countrymen as a genius, began to turn out settings not always in accord with the intention and spirit of the author, but sufficiently striking, daring, and individual to attract attention to their originator and to liberate the stage from conventions of the past with the idea of riveting upon it the fetters of the future. For Mr. Geddes is nothing in scenic design if not a virtuoso. His latest attempt to make his own ideas paramount and those of his author subservient is in Shakespeare's "Hamlet," produced at the Broadhurst Theatre.

This version is an exciting one. It does not in any way approach the "Hamlet" of Shakespeare. It merely uses the gory and somewhat stupid plot as used by Shakespeare's predecessors, treats it with scant mercy, to gain pace and tension, and converts it into a full-blooded tragedy of murder and revenge. Its poetry, its philosophy, its psychology are subordinated to action and pictorial values.

Producer Pre-Eminent. The lighting of the scene becomes of greater consequence than Hamlet's motive or the raison d'être of the play. The play of light and shadow upon a permanent setting of steps and platforms suffices for each change of scene. Lit by a system of beams of light projected from every angle facing the players or behind them, we sense the producer at work every minute and lose our Shakespeare in the process. The text is so mauled and mutilated that half its eloquence and magic disappears. The remnants possess a crude and barbarous vitality, the tale proceeds with abnormal rapidity, even to the point of incoherence and incomprehensibility, and only abysmal lack of judgment and taste and thought remain in unmistakable authority.

This is no eternal problem, no world's masterpiece, no universal impachment of the sorry scheme of things, no sensitive musing upon Fate, no introspection, and no classic touch. For these the vigorous hand of the electrician, the bold eye of the decorator, the brain of an engineer in pictures, have been substituted.

We cannot blame the actors if they fail in such a scheme as this. It is stagecraft run mad. Magnificent, but misplaced. Mr. Raymond Massey, in the role of "Hamlet," has his moments. He is macabre, bizarre, warped, demonic. He can be gentle and simple on occasion, but he suffers from a surplus energy that seems quite foreign to the nature of the Prince, a power for quick action and decision that belies the words he speaks and the inaction he is called on to portray. Conversing naturally with Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern or the players, he is at his best.

Mr. Massey as Hamlet. In the soliloquies he is at his worst, for he speaks most of them behind Mr. Geddes's architectural screen, and the effect is that of a man speaking into a void. Rhetoric has no place in Mr. Massey's armoury. He aims chiefly at sincerity and seems to be unable to achieve it.

in a constant striving for the physics of the part the discovery of the murderer and the desire to be revenged upon him. Hamlet, of course, is something much more than that.

The worst offence (and to me an unpardonable one) in the production is the handling over of the Ghost's lines to Hamlet himself. Changing his voice and altering his position every time he, as Hamlet, speaks the words given by Shakespeare to the Ghost, Mr. Massey may be seeking to show by this innovation that the words are only the coinage of Hamlet's brain, but if this be so why should we be shown the Ghost at the same time? If one can see a vision, why cannot one hear it? This perversion is indeed an outrage as damnable as our national poet has ever suffered under.

Some Vandalisms. There was a hand-flapping Polonius, who resembled no one so much as Shylock; a First Gravedigger who was compelled to juggle with a couple of skulls like a music-hall clown; a Claudius, who was made up like Father Christmas in a toy crown; an Ophelia who had to go mad in a white spotlight with purple beams playing on her lower garment in a setting almost pitch black in its cavernous density; a beauteous chorus of nuns that looked as if they had strayed from Earl Carroll's revue "Vanities" close by; and only a first-class Horatio in Mr. Leon Quartermaine and a nearly first-class Laertes in Mr. Colin Keith Johnston to save the true Shakespearean essence of the acting.

Once need not be either a purist or a postmaster to object strongly to such vandalism. I like the work of Mr. Geddes enormously, but I would prefer him to be employed brightening up the superficial and gloomy obscurities of Mr. Eugene O'Neill. The subtle philosophies of the true classics are not for him.

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MUSIC WITH CHARM AND WIT.

Sir Thomas Beecham recently performed one more gallant deed for the cause he has at heart by directing, at the Royal College of Music, the first performance of a new English opera by Arthur Benjamin.

The new work, "The Devil Take Her," is in a prologue and one act. The libretto is the work of the late Alan Collard, and the opera is based on the fairly familiar subject of the man who marries a dumb wife—already brilliantly treated by Anatole France.

In this version the husband of the afflicted woman is a poet—period not stated, but roughly two or three centuries ago—whose house is in Cheapside, his study opening on to the street level. He lives precariously by selling sonnets; and he loves his wife, who is apparently very dutiful. And he sings a song, a very charming song, expressing his deep desire to hear her actually say that she loves him.

While he is lamenting over their melancholy plight, there appears on the scene a chirurgeon with the manners and appearance of a mountebank. This gentleman boasts he can, by a slight operation, unloose the wife's tongue, which he promptly does. Then, of course, the trouble begins. The docile, loving wife becomes the perfect termagant.

Her shrewish tongue makes life impossible, and when in a moment of exasperation he cries, "The devil take her!" the devil himself appears. She rounds on him next, giving him such a hot time that he is forced to retreat, with the husband as his willing companion.

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Mr. Benjamin's music has charm and wit; it is piquantly scored, and so wedded to the verse (where there is verse) that ear and eye are not set in conflict. In other words, it illustrates and enhances the action of the piece, and as the action is swift and vivid, the total effect is exceedingly happy. The composer makes good use of such subsidiary stage characters as the chirurgeon, the devil, and the mountebank, who sing and act with a certain charm and wit. The music is well adapted to the play, and the singing is of a high standard.

Mr. Trevor Jones plays the poet, a tenor part, enhancing the reputation he lately made in "Tantivy Towers," and Miss Sarah Fischer plays well and sings well as the wife. Two young artists, these, who should find honourable places in our national opera. Lesser parts are admirably taken by Thomas Dance, Elizabeth Aveling, Victor Harding, Morgan Jones, and Alan Gordon-Brown.

One stage set only is necessary, and this, painted by Simpson Robinson, from a design by Hans Strobach, of the Cologne Opera, is a model of economy and effectiveness. For the production itself Mr. John B. Gordon, a pupil of Strobach, deserves the highest praise.

Holst's "Savitri."

The new work was preceded by Holst's "Savitri." In this the title part was taken by Eugene Walmesley, Satyavan by Howard Hemming, and Death by Roderick Lloyd. I cannot recall a more satisfactory

performance than this. Miss Walmesley's appealing voice and clear diction helped to raise the whole thing to a highly expressive level. Here the only "scenery" was a decorative background of a couple of trees—this projected by means of a lantern-slide costing a few shillings. A triumph not only of beauty, but of commonsense.

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Production Hustle.

The rapid technical advance in the equipment of British film studios is strikingly demonstrated by the new British and Dominion studio opened at Elstree. This company, of which Mr. Hubert T. Marsh is managing director, and Mr. Herbert Wilcox director of productions, has for some time had two studios equipped for sound productions, one of which is let to another company on a long lease.

With two studios now available for its own work, the British and Dominion Co. will be in a position to turn out two films a month, recorded by Western Electric, with all the latest aids to efficiency. The new studio is not only admirably adapted for recording, but is spacious, well-ventilated, and lighted with lamps of 500,000 candle-power. Ordinarily its construction would have taken at least three months. The fact that the task has been rushed through in forty-seven days by technicians working day and night, including Sundays, is one of the many proofs of the new spirit of hard work, efficiency and hustle in British film production.

The new studio has cost about £60,000. Altogether about £300,000 has been spent on the British and Dominion studios. The company's next film will be "Good Night, Vienna." The leased studio will be used by Mr. Eric Hakim for the production of two of the three films to be directed by Mr. Fred Niblo, the famous American who made "Ben Hur," and is now directing Miss Margaret Bannerman in "Two White Arms."

—C. D.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Jan. 12, June, June				Jan. 12, June, June			
1932. 1918. 1914.				1932. 1918. 1914.			
Cts. Cts. Cts.				Cts. Cts. Cts.			
Butcher Meat.				Poultry.			
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	38 24 12	Chicken	雞	lb.	70 30 31
Prime Cut	牛尾	"	30 28 11	Capons, Small	雞	"	58 28 30
Cornd	牛肉	"	28 12	Capons, Large	雞	"	62 28 30
Roast	牛肉	"	33 24 22	Duck	鴨	"	45 22 21
Breast	牛肉	"	30 20 15	Doves	鴿	each	22 21
Scap	牛肉	"	27 20 18	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	38 18 —
Steak	牛肉	"	38 24 22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	40 25 20
Steak Sirloin	牛肉	"	48 30 35	Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	76 38 24
Sausages	牛肉	"	35 25 20	Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	54 35 24
Butcher's Brains	牛肉	per set	17 10 12	Geese	鴨	"	48 24 24
Tongue, fresh	牛肉	each	75 50 60	Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	45 30 —
Tongue, corned	牛肉	"	60 —	" Hollow	白鴿	"	38 29 —
Head	牛肉	"	11.20 —12.20	Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	80 —
Heart	牛肉	"	24 18 14	Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	76 61 45
Hum, Salt	牛肉	"	20 18	Snipe	沙鵲	each	28 —
Feet	牛肉	"	12 10 12	Pheasant	山鵲	pair	2.40 —
Kidneys	牛肉	"	15 10 12	Quail	鶉	each	50 —
Tail	牛肉	"	27 20 22	Partridges	鶉	"	1.00 —
Liver	牛肉	lb.	24 18 14				
Tripe	牛肉	"	8 6 7				
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	est	11.50 11.00 11.00				
Mutton Chop	羊腩	lb.	44 28 —				
Leg	羊腩	"	44 28 —				
Shoulder	羊腩	"	40 24 —				
Saddle	羊腩	"	44 —				
Pig's Chittlings	豬腩	"	30 27 —				
Brains	豬腩	Per set	4 —				
Feet	豬腩	lb.	13 15 —				
Fry	豬腩	"	30 15 18				
Head	豬腩	"	20 20 —				
Heart	豬腩	each	18 10 10				
Kidneys	豬腩	"	15 10 8				
Liver	豬腩	lb.	58 30 24				
Pork Chop	豬腩	"	38 25 23				
Leg	豬腩	"	40 —				
Loins	豬腩	"	44 60 70				
Fat or Lard	豬油	per set	25 21 —				
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	each	13 8 7				
Heart	羊頭	"	15 12 10				
Kidneys	羊頭	"	45 20 15				
Liver	羊頭	"	45 20 15				
Sucking Pig, to order	乳豬	lb.	25 25 23				
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	30 20 18				
Mutton	羊肉	"	36 26 26				
Veal	豬肉	"	23 20 20				
Sausages	牛腩	"	32 — —				
No. 1							
Fish.				Fruits.			
Barbel	魚	lb.	52 16 24	Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20 35 —
Bream	魚	"	32 20 16	Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24 28 —
Canton Fresh Water	淡水魚	"	32 — —	Bananas (bride's)	金山香蕉	"	6 4 —
Carp	魚	"	35 13 16	Carambola	楊桃	"	13 —
Catfish	魚	"	36 16 27	Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14 10 10
Codfish	魚	"	36 12 9	Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12 25 30
Crabs	魚	"	58 16 17	Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12 8 —
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	26 23 26	Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00 25 30
Dab	魚	"	26 16 27	Oranges (Canton)	新青橙	"	20 —
Dace	魚	"	46 23 16	Oranges	橙	"	16 — 15
Dog Fish	魚	"	22 10 —	Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	36 —
Eels, Conger	魚	"	64 10 8	Peanuts	花生	"	14 10 13
" Fresh Water	淡水魚	"	70 16 —	Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	12 —
" Yellow	黃魚	"	52 10 8	Plantain	大蕉	"	8 —
Flounder	魚	"	84 26 30	Pumelo, Siam	蓮霧	each	15 12 6
Garoupa	魚	"	110 32 25	Walnuts	核桃	lb.	30 — 16
Grouper	魚	"	24 40 80	Grapes	葡萄	"	60 —
Haddock	魚	"	32 22 18				
Halibut	魚	"	38 18 22				
Labrus	魚	"	32 18 15				
Loach	魚	"	30 23 19				
Lobster	魚	"	78 62 24				
Macrurus	魚	"	46 32 21				
Monk Fish	魚	"	46 20 20				
Mullet	魚	"	38 18 2				
Oysters	魚	"	48 12 2				
Parrot Fish	魚	"	26 14 5				
Pomfret	魚	"	23 30 15				
Pike	魚	"	44 16 9				
Plaice	魚	"	54 36 20				
Pomfret, White	魚	"	58 34 22				
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	44 28 15				
Prawns	魚	"	30 10 14				
Ray	魚	"	23 10 14				
Rock Fish	魚	"	23 18 18				
Salmon	魚	"	40 22 10				
Sardine	魚	"	58 36 30				
Shrimp	魚	"	20 8 10				
Skipper	魚	"	20 10 10				
Skipper	魚	"	62 38 30				
Skipper	魚	"	42 38 30				
Skipper	魚	"	34 22 30				
Skipper	魚	"	36 23 35				
Skipper	魚	"	36 18 12				
Skipper	魚	"	15 12 13				

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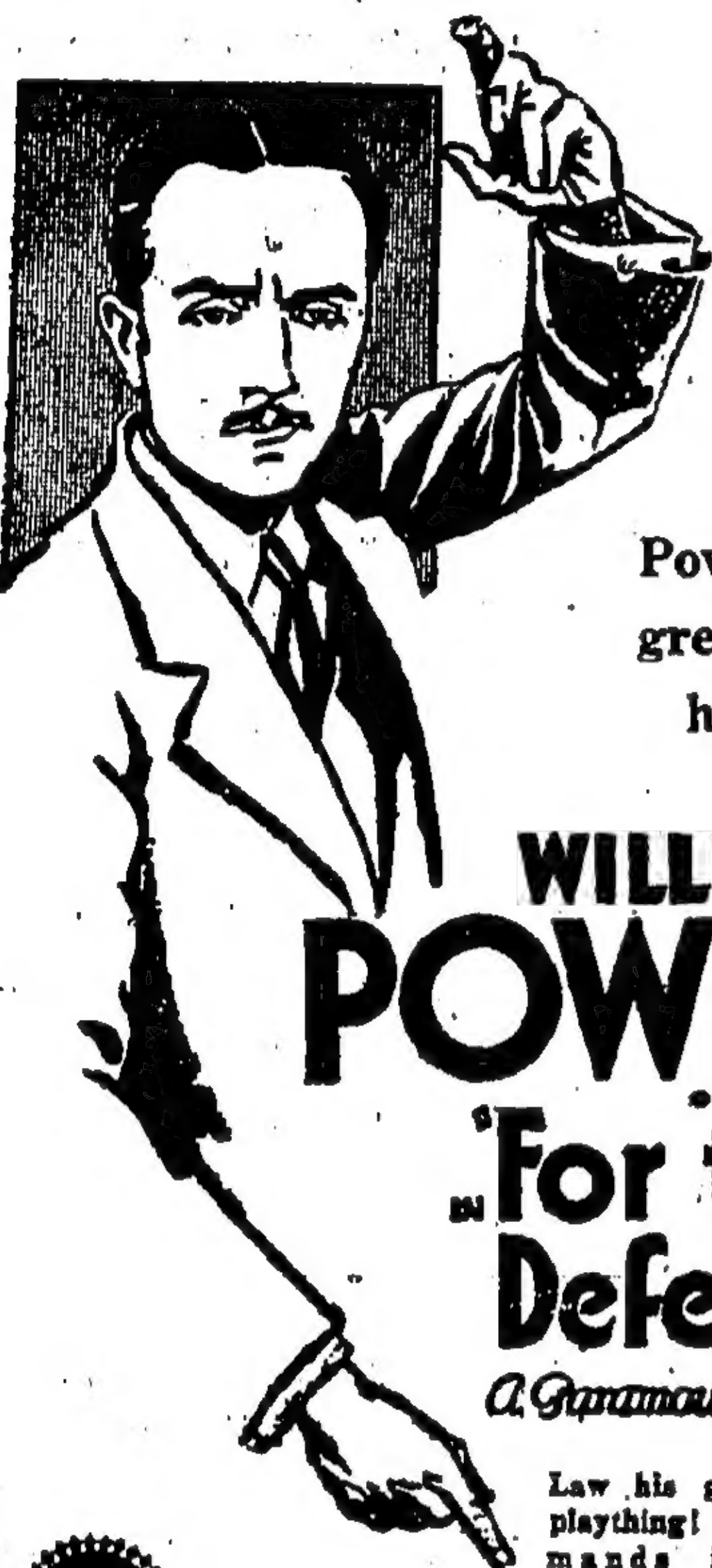
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French Cabinet Resigns.

M. Laval, last night, handed in the collective resignations of his Cabinet, which President Doumer has accepted.

Paris Demonstration.

Over 3,000 Communists were arrested yesterday in connection with a demonstration.

Lancashire Cotton Trade.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce, in a report on the recent increase in trade with the Far East, sounds a note of warning regarding the conclusions to be drawn therefrom.

Hawaii.

A tense situation prevails here as the result of the murder of a native by, it is alleged, certain Americans. The incident arises out of an indecent assault upon an American woman. The Senate has ordered a full enquiry.

Reparations.

According to a French newspaper, Anglo-French treasury experts are now considering the feasibility of certain suggestions, such as a moratorium of the Young Plan conditional annuities and the creation of German railway debentures, for the relief of Germany.

U.S. Manchurian Notes.

The Dutch Government has replied to the American invocation of the Nine Power Treaty. Holland is not prepared to make the suggested representations to China and Japan.

Film Co. Fined.

The s.s. Kinshan was involved in a collision with a Chinese steamer during her journey to Canton on the morning of January 12, fortunately without sustaining any serious damage.

Daggers Without Permit.

For being found in possession of daggers without a permit, two Filipino seamen were each fined \$100, or, in default, are to suffer 2 months' hard labour.

Chinese Army Deserter.

On two counts of theft a Chinese, who claims to be a deserter from the Cantonese Army, was sent to prison for a month with hard labour.

NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Election Inevitable.

The date of the German presidential election, which now seems inevitable, has not been definitely fixed, but it will take place some time in May.

Political Mission.

The Crown Prince of Ethiopia arrived in London yesterday on a political mission. The Times and other newspapers, commenting on his visit, recall the long tradition of cordial friendship between Abyssinia and Great Britain.

The Abyssinian Prince, his sister, and suite arrived yesterday in London. They were met by Sir John Simon and the Duke of Gloucester. They drank tea with the Prince of Wales, last evening; and to-day pay a visit to the King and Queen at Sandringham.

Plucky Postmaster.

The Postmaster in Clydebank was suddenly confronted by a gunman who demanded money. Fearlessly tackling him he was able to frustrate the intruder's intentions but was unable to prevent his escape.

Mussolini's Influence.

The immediate wiping out of reparations and war debts is demanded in an article in Popolo D'Italia, attributed to Signor Mussolini.

Lausanne Conference.

The French Government has indicated that it is unable to bind itself to January 26 as the opening day of the Lausanne Conference on account of a possible reconstruction in the French Cabinet.

Soviet Aroused.

Possible conflict in North Manchuria between Ting Chow, the Commander of the Chinese Railway guards at Harbin, and Hsi Hsi, the Governor of the Kirin province has aroused Soviet interests. Japan is expected to deal successfully with the actions of the conflicting officials.

Replies to America.

The Japanese reply to the American Note is expected to be despatched on January 15. China's reply was delivered for transmission to Washington at 5 p.m. yesterday.

U.S. Industrial Relief.

The Senate has approved the creation of the \$2,000,000,000 Finance Corporation which is intended by President Hoover to afford Government credit for industrial relief.

British Trade Figures.

British trade figures for December show that exports have increased and imports have decreased as compared with the preceding month.

Treasury Expert's Report.

The British Cabinet meeting to-day will be devoted to reparations and disarmament problems. The report of Sir Frederick Leith Ross, the Treasury expert, on his Paris conversations with the French Finance Ministry will be available. The British Cabinet Committee will examine the question of balance of trade to-day.

Largest Irrigation System.

A memorable event in Indian history will take place to-day when Viceroy Lord Willingdon will open the world's largest irrigation system, Lloyd Barrage, at Sukkur and a network of seven huge canals.

Burma Constitution.

The Prime Minister at the final Plenary Session of the Burma Round Table Conference said that the Government was prepared to frame a constitution for the approval of Parliament provided Burma, after the general election, decided upon the broad issue of separation from India.

River Steamers Collide.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, the summonses brought against the Pathe Orient Ltd, Des Voeux Road Central, for breaches of Fire regulations, were concluded. On two summonses, his Worship (Mr. Schofield) convicted and imposed fines totalling \$225. The Inspector General of Police stressed the importance of public protection.

Hugenburg's Letter.

Herr Hugenburg has sent a letter to Dr. Brüning in which he points out that acceptance of the Government's proposal for prolongation of President Hindenburg's term would be "a manifestation of confidence in the policy which we are combating, especially the foreign policy of the present Government," by the resignation of which the political position of Germany would be strengthened.

MRS. CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN SHANGHAI.

Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek arrived in Shanghai on January 5 from her husband's native home at Fenghua, near Ningpo, Chekiang. She arrived in the former President's private amphibian aeroplane for the purpose of receiving medical treatment. After her arrival there, she at once proceeded to a private sanitarium and refused to be interviewed.

It is learned on good authority that there is a possibility of the General himself coming here in a few days and it is quite possible that he will return to Nanking in response to the many requests that he should emerge from his retirement.

WORLD'S LARGEST IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The scheme makes cultivation possible over an area of six million acres, a larger area than the whole of arable Egypt. The scheme is estimated to approach \$20,000,000 annually from the crops there produced. The outlay of this gigantic enterprise is approximately \$15,000,000.

Large Crowds Expected. Thousands have been flocking into the Sukkur district from all over the Sind to witness to-morrow's opening ceremony—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday. The Lloyd Barrage is of white limestone and consists of 66 sixty feet wide arched spans.

DANGER TO CHURCH OF HOLY SEPULCHRE.

Dome to be Strengthened.

The Jerusalem authorities are concerned about the condition of the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is apparently showing symptoms of collapse. Arrangements are being made for strengthening it as soon as possible.

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